

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. KOBAYASHI, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/553,747  
Filed: OCTOBER 18, 2005  
For: MOLECULAR DETECTION METHOD, MOLECULAR  
COUNTING METHOD, MOLECULAR LOCALIZATION  
DETECTION METHOD, AND A MOLECULAR DETECTION  
SYSTEM USED THEREFOR  
Group AU: 1634  
Examiner: Narayan Kameshwar Bhat  
Confirm. No: 5938

**AMENDMENT**

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January 29, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2008, the period for responding having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.